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REMARKS

The objection to claim 8 has been overcome by amendment. Claims 3-5, 7 and 8 have been amended for clarity.

The indication of claims 2-5, 7 and 8 containing allowable subject matter is noted. To this end, claims 1 and 2 have been combined to form independent claim 2, and claim 6, formerly rejected on the prior art, has been amended to depend on claim 2.

Since all claims are now allowable, issuance of a Notice of Allowance is in order.

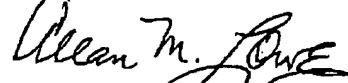
Early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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